

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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**ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS**

the specification of which

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